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9 through 13 July 1956

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1. Met with [REDACTED] Chief of our Communications Station at [REDACTED]. After carefully considering all of the incidents which have taken place to date Mr. [REDACTED] believes that our policy should be to continue to send dependents of employees to [REDACTED] if they wish to go after being thoroughly briefed on the circumstances under which they will have to live. He also wants some financial help for the club in order to make it attractive enough that people will want to go there to have their meals rather than to some of the danger spots. I told him that I thought we could take care of this. He is not concerned very much anymore about the disciplinary problem. Nevertheless I suggested that we draft a letter for the Director's signature to him which could be shown to all of our employees at the [REDACTED] and thus leave no doubt in anyone's mind there that the Director fully supported his policies.

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2. Attended a meeting of a committee appointed by the National Capital Planning Commission to respond to Senator Chavez' request for sites in the District of Columbia on which it might be suitable to construct our new building. As usual, [REDACTED] had drafted the paper in a vein which would make it appear fairly simple for us to locate in the District. The committee....composed of Mr. Remon, Vice-Chairman of the Planning Commission, Mr. Hunter of the Public Buildings Service, Colonel Carlson of the Army Engineers, and Colonel Hunter of the Engineer Commissioner's office for the District....was quite reasonable, however, and when I pointed out that it would cost \$10,000,000 more to buy land and another \$10,000,000 to take care of the structural changes and ornamental embellishments they agreed to put this in their report. They also agreed to put in their report that CIA had special requirements, particularly of a security nature, which the committee was unable to evaluate. Of several sites, including our present location, the [REDACTED]

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it was concluded generally that the [REDACTED] and our present location were the most favorable. I do not believe that anything will come of this report, and, in fact, it may get back to Senator Chavez after our Bill has already been marked up by Senator Hayden's Committee. I think we are far enough ahead of them in this instance that it is not likely to cause trouble.

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3. [REDACTED] telephoned to say that preliminary estimates of obligations looked as though we would come very, very close to obligating all of our funds, excluding the Reserve, and possibly even going over the line a little bit.

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4. At the Deputies' Meeting on 11 July Frank Wisner reported to the Director

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5. Lunched with General [REDACTED] who is looking into "planning" for [REDACTED] He 25X1A9a  
is sincere and objective but I was impressed with how little he really understands  
the Support organization. He has had talks with General [REDACTED]  
of the Office of Communications. He was not aware of the fact that I had a Plan-  
ning Assistant or of how Support Planning was handled generally. I arranged to have  
[REDACTED] get in touch with him at a very early date.

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8. [REDACTED] reported that Project AQUATONE had failed to provide a  
Message Center over at its "H" Street location and that it was taking the equiva-  
lent of five of his people full time to take care of this oversight.

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